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 Separation

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, for the above-identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

1. Prosecution on this application being closed (under either appeal, final action, notice of allowance, or other prosecution closing action), this request is being submitted prior to the earliest of:

- i. ☒ Abandonment of the application.
- ii. ☐ Payment of issue fee, or
- iii. ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313 has been granted.
- iv. ☐ Filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §1.313, or commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.
- iv. ☐ A decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences (this RCE is to be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application) - A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this RCE is being filed.

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 - ii. ☐ Please do not enter the previously unentered Amendment. Instead please enter:
 - ☐ the enclosed Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed _____.
 - ☐ the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.
 - ☐ correspondence re correction of inventorship if required.
 - iii. ☐ Please enter the previously unentered Amendment previously submitted _____. A copy ☐ is or ☐ is not provided herein.
 - iv. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. §1.98) with information list and _____ hard copy reference(s).
 - v. ☐ New arguments or new evidence in support of patentability.
 - vi. ☒ Other: Amendment

FEE FOR REQUEST REQUIRED BY 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

3. ☒ Filing fee has been calculated as shown below (other than small entity) after entering the previous amendment and/or currently submitted amendment as may be applicable:

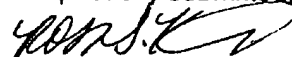
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